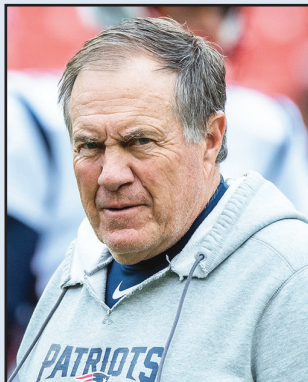




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City Council members seek action on displacement of small businesses



Members of the Somerville City Council have reaffirmed their interest in anti-displacement measures for the city's small business community.

By Jim Clark

An order was put forward at the latest meeting of the Somerville City Council on Thursday, January 11, requesting that the Director of Economic Development, Rachel Nadkarni, update the Council on the "Mitigating Commercial Displacement in Somerville" report released in December 2023, and any action steps taken as a result of the report.

Co-sponsor of the order, Ward 7 City Councilor Judy Pineda Neufeld, explained that she would like to have the Council get ahead of any recommendations made in the report.

"For those who didn't know this is happening or haven't seen this, it kind of got released in the midst of the holiday season, in the last year, year-and-a-half, a group of Harvard students

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Keeping Small Strong Neighborhood Open House in Union Square

Union Square Main Streets (USMS) invites neighbors, business leaders, community partners, property owners, and lovers of Union Square to a Keeping Small Strong Neighborhood Open House on Tuesday, January 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

This choose-your-own adventure style gathering, hosted at Counter Culture at 374 Somerville Avenue, offers a chance to connect with the USMS team to learn more about the economic empowerment nonprofit's work in the community and to see how the organization is piloting an alternative business model to best support Union Square businesses in this period of recovery and beyond. RSVPs for this free event are encouraged to ensure ongoing connection with project activities.

"This is an exciting opportunity to get neighbors' feedback on the Keeping Small

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The Keeping Small Strong Neighborhood Open House takes place next Tuesday.

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The City of Somerville’s Health and Human Services Office, and Housing Families Inc., opened an overnight warming center for the remainder of the winter 2024 season. The warming center will operate seven nights a week from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., on the second floor of the Armory (191 Highland Ave). Guests will have access to free hot and cold meals, water, bathrooms, yoga mats, and space to sleep. Learn more at somervillema.gov/warmingcenter.

“What do you want to see in Somerville’s community live arts center?” The Somerville Armory currently has six tenants and several other spaces that could become arts spaces. Already the building is home to music building education, production, and live performances. Help develop the vision and guiding principles for the Somerville Armory as they transition it from private ownership to public stewardship. They are looking for the voices of diverse performing artists who have connections to Somerville, residents, and community partners to participate in this upcoming meeting series. Read more: <https://voice.somervillema.gov/armory-master-plan>. Meeting I: Our Arts Ecosystem, January 24, 6:00 p.m. at Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Ct., Somerville.

Happy birthday this week to the following: Happy Birthday to Philip Ercolini, from East Somerville. We wish him a great day. Happy birthday to Katie Lathasha Harris, we wish her the very best of birthdays as well. To Nancy Huber Coutoumas, Continued on page 7

Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of January 10 – January 16 as provided by the National Weather Service

DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
Wednesday January 17	Sunny	29°/18°	5%	3%	W 15 mph
Thursday January 18	Cloudy	30°/21°	3%	1%	SW 12 mph
Friday January 19	Cloudy	27°/12°	22%	14%	NNW 10 mph
Saturday January 13	Partly Cloudy	21°/10°	7%	4%	NW 12 mph
Sunday January 20	Sunny	29°/15°	2%	1%	W 14 mph
Monday January 21	Sunny	37°/28°	5%	2%	SW 8 mph
Tuesday January 22	Partly Cloudy	43°/29°	19%	13%	W 10 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

Somerville community invited to join kickoff meeting for Broadway Corridor Area Plan



Somerville community members are invited to join a community meeting on Monday, January 22, to learn more about the Area Plan for the Broadway corridor, which extends from Ball Square to the crest of Winter Hill.

The plan is part of a partnership between the cities of Somerville and Medford to address challenges related to split parcels and conflicting zoning regulations along the corridor, establishing a unified urban design vision for the Broadway Corridor.

Broadway Corridor Kickoff Meeting Details
Date: Monday, January 22, 2024
Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Healey School (5 Meacham St)

This kickoff meeting will give attendees an opportunity to share their opinions and concerns about current zoning in the area, as well as provide information from the Somerville planning team. Community input will help City teams recommend zoning and policy changes to streamline and coordinate regulations between the two cities.

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Life in the

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by Jimmy Del Ponte

Bye bye Bill



I watched the press conference with Bob Kraft and Bill Belichick announcing a parting of the ways. It was a bit emotional.

If I had a chance to tell Bill Belichick something I would say thank you for 24 exciting years. Nothing will ever compare to our exciting Super Bowl wins. Nothing will ever equal the excitement he brought to New England as coach of the New England Patriots. This article is just the thoughts and feelings of Somerville Patriots fans as we say goodbye to Coach Bill Belichick.

JS: "I can't believe one local radio station host has gone public how depressed they are that he is gone? Not me. There are a number of things in life to get depressed about. This is not one of them."

JR: "Thank you Bill for all the 20+ winning seasons with the Patriots, Good luck

in your future endeavors."

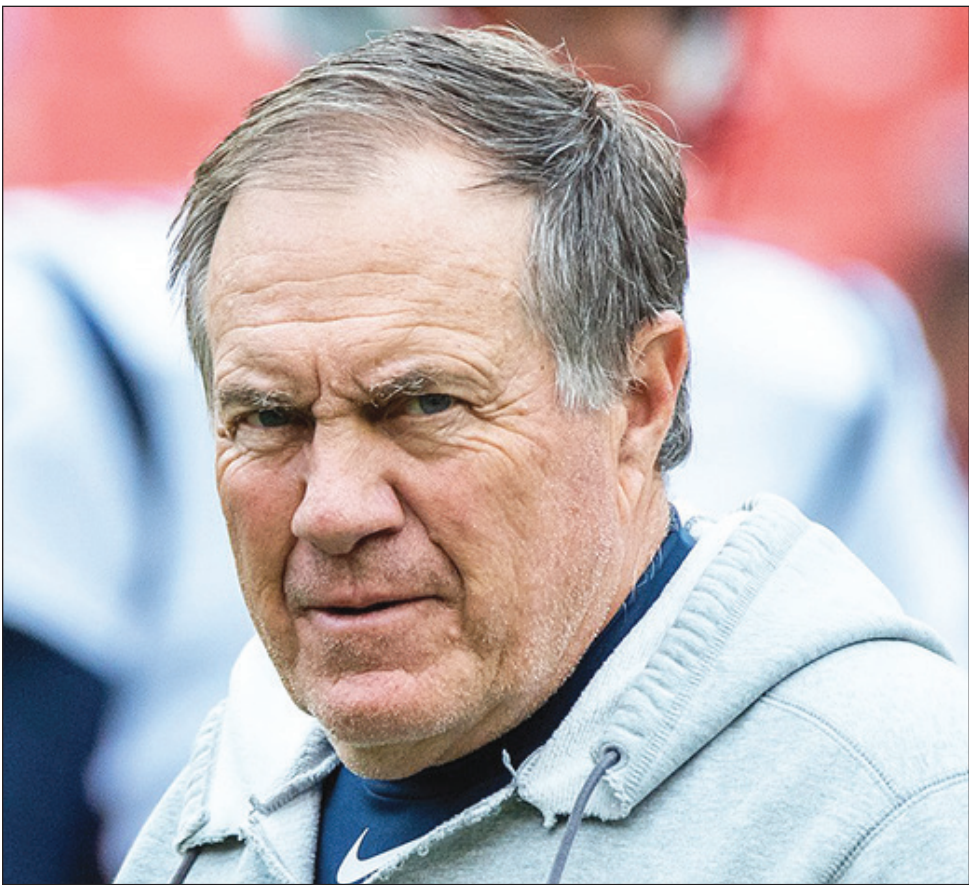
DL: "Kraft makes it sound like the worst thing that could happen to him. He didn't have to move on from Bill. Maybe get a GM and new QB in the draft and restructure the offense. I believe this is a move by Jonathan forcing Bobs hand."

MP: "Thanks so much for your dedication to the game. Thank you for so many years of great football. Best of luck in your next venture."

KR: "Come to DC the Commanders can really use someone like you. Thank you for bringing faith back to a dead team. You are the best."

SN: "Thanks for the victories, fun, memories and history-making run!"

Brady won a Super Bowl without Bill, now I'd like to see Bill win one without Tom. However, it turns out we got 24 years of excitement and thrills and for that I'm grateful to Bill for his part. Now go and win coach, just not against the Patriots.



Enrollment for prekindergarten and kindergarten now open

The Somerville Public Schools' (SPS) annual school enrollment period for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students opened on January 3, and SPS staff are ready to support families through the process of enrolling their student(s). All students who will be 4 years old by August 31, 2024 are eligible for the district's PK program. All students who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2024 are eligible for kindergarten. 189 Somerville families enrolled a student on the first day of the enrollment period on January 3, 2024.

SPS PK & K Enrollment Process

Parents and guardians can access the online SPS enrollment portal through the Enrollment Office website, www.somerville.k12.ma.us/enrollment.

- **Prekindergarten** families who enroll by February 23, 2024 will be assigned a school based on a lottery system with no criteria for assignments.
- **Kindergarten** families who enroll by February 23, 2024 will be eligible for the first round of school assignments through a lottery system based on Somerville

School Committee policy, which prioritizes sibling preference and proximity (school to which your address is connected).

- Families who enroll after February 23, 2024 will be assigned a school based on seat availability.

Registration Help for Families

Families who could benefit from interpretation or technology access are encouraged to contact the multilingual Enrollment Office team. The team is available to answer questions and support families during business hours at Central Administration. Appointments are preferred, if possible.

Make an appointment with the Enrollment Office by emailing enrollment@k12.somerville.ma.us or calling 617-629-5670. The Enrollment Office is located at 167 Holland Street, third floor.

Enrollment Office hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Enrollment Office is closed from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays

Information about the Enrollment Process and Our Schools

Prior to the annual enrollment period, the SPS Enrollment Office hosts information sessions and Open Houses for all prospective students and families. In November and December, 2023, over 200 community members attended Open Houses. Families can find enrollment and school information on the SPS website.

- A full list of schools and locations is available at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schools.
- Find your child's neighborhood school (proximity school) by address on www.somerville.k12.ma.us/schoolchoice.
- Families with questions about specific schools may contact the school's main office to speak with a staff member.

Also in Fall 2023, SPS held four information sessions to familiarize families with school enrollment. You can review information from these sessions at the links below.

- Prekindergarten Information Session Recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOGwsvUyZKQ>
- Kindergarten Information Session Recording <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHlhWzYt-ug->



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Somerville Police Crime Log January 2-8

Assault

On 1/4/24 at approximately 9:40 p.m., Somerville Police responded to a business in Assembly Row for report of an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who stated he was out to dinner with a group of people and an altercation ensued. During the altercation, the victim was attacked by four individuals.

Commercial Breaking and Entering

On 1/6/24 at approximately 8:31 a.m., Somerville Police responded to a business on Washington St. for report of an open door. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the owner who stated the rear door of the business was forced open. Nothing was reported missing.

Other Crimes: 3 bike thefts; 1 package theft; 1 MV theft; 1 MV Vandalism; 1 Vandalism

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City Council members seek action on displacement of small businesses

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looked at small business development in Somerville and how do we mitigate, in particular, displacement of our small businesses, our beloved small businesses, so that we don't become a city full of chains," said Pineda Neufeld.

"And so, this really interesting report came out and I started digging through it and

I thought this is a great conversation to have with colleagues about sort of what came out of it, recommendations, or future potential zoning conversations for us to have. And so, I thought we could get ahead of any potential recommendations by having some kind of presentation or an update from the administration on the report,"

Pineda Neufeld continued. "So, I think Housing and Community Development is the right place for that conversation. But looking forward to getting more robust report-back from the administration on it."

City Councilor At Large Kristen Strezo said that she has spoken with OSPCD and was informed that the Economic De-

velopment staff is ready to make a presentation on the report. "Yes, absolutely, I just spoke to Economic Development today and came from the Anti-Displacement Task Force for small businesses, and they're ready to present it and it should come on the agenda soon and Housing and Community Development," Strezo said. "I'm super excited.

There's a lot of great feedback, and hopefully quick changes that will help our small businesses. Yeah, I love that this conversation is happening."

Councilors Strezo, Scott and Wilson signed on to the order, which was approved and sent for discussion by the Housing and Community Development Committee.

Keeping Small Strong Neighborhood Open House in Union Square

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Strong pilot and talk with folk about the important work that USMS does to support the independent businesses in Union Square. This project is vital to ensuring that work can continue as our neighborhood continues to grow and change" said Jen Palacio, owner of Tiny Turns Paperie and chair of the Keeping Small Strong Steering Committee.

Building on 20 years of service to Somerville and its diverse, small businesses in Union Square, the Keeping Small Strong pilot advances several

community-driven USMS strategic plan [4] goals. These include driving action towards a more welcoming, walkable, and small-business-friendly Square through multilingual wayfinding signage; protecting the character of Union Square and building up neighborhood connections to, and support for local businesses and community groups through the Union Square Insider's Guide; strengthening collaboration with City government and other nonprofits; and developing short- and long-term funding

solutions to enable USMS to most impactfully serve its economic empowerment mission during this period of recovery and transformation and beyond.

"Co-creating the expansion of our equitable, place-keeping, partnership-focused programs with the community is critical to upholding our mission and our city's values," said Jessica Eshleman, USMS executive director. "Keeping pace with our rapidly-developing district has never been more important to keeping our square uniquely Union and a

welcoming place for all."

This Neighborhood Open House is the next step in a string of community engagement activations for Keeping Small Strong that began in fall 2023 at the Union Square Farmers Market, Fluff Festival, Monster Mash, Small Business Saturday at Bow Market, and the Union Square Holiday Stroll, as well as through monthly Union Square Business Meetings, a Property Owners Breakfast, and Community Partner Outreach Meetings.

Keep an ear out and expect

more opportunities to learn about and contribute to the future of Union Square Main Streets through the winter and spring. Funded by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant through the City of Somerville, the Keeping Small Strong pilot will run through June 30, and conclude with a presentation of pilot results to the community to help refine a permanent, inclusive, and sustainable Business Improvement District proposal, should the pilot prove successful.

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Six tips on how to discuss your mental health with others

By Stan Popovich

It can be frustrating to struggle with your mental health and to get your family and friends to understand where you are coming from.

Although most people may be understanding, there is usually one or two people who will make things more challenging for you.

As a result, here are six suggestions on how to deal with the people you know regarding your mental health situation.

1. Listen to the professionals: Your friends may mean well, but when it comes down to it, the professionals are aware of your circumstances more than anyone. It is important that you listen and

follow the advice from your doctor or medical professional rather than following the advice from your friends and other people you may know.

2. Don't argue with others: It is important that you do not get into arguments with those who are giving you a tough time. It is not your job to worry about how others may view your circumstances. Focus on managing your mental health rather than trying to get everyone's approval.

3. Choose your friends wisely: Distance yourself from those who won't make an effort to help understand what you are going through. You need to surround yourself with positive and sup-

portive people. If you have problems or issues with a particular person, then its best to keep your distance and hang out with those people are more supportive.

4. Attend a mental health support group: There are many mental health awareness support groups in any given area. Many hospitals, churches, and counselors in your area will be able to provide you with a list of these organizations. These groups will be aware of your situation and can give you additional advice regarding your concerns.

5. You are not alone: There are millions of people around the world who struggle with their fears, anxieties, and depres-

sion. Many of your relatives and friends more than likely struggled with anxiety and stress sometime in their life. Do not feel that you are alone when it comes to your mental health situation because there all kinds of people around you who can relate.

6. Your goal is to get better: Focus on how you can handle the anxieties and stresses in your life rather than arguing with others who are giving you a difficult time. This isn't a public relations event where you need to get approval from everyone. This is your life, and you need to be more concerned about getting your life back on track rather than pleasing everyone else.



BIOGRAPHY
Stan is the author of *A Layman's Guide to Managing Fear*, which covers a variety of techniques that can drastically improve your mental health. For more information, please visit Stan's website at <http://www.managingfear.com>

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records local senators' and representatives' votes from the week of January 8-12.

REVENGE PORN AND TEEN SEXTING (H 4241)

House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a proposal that would prohibit the posting of sexually explicit images of another person online without their permission—commonly referred to as “revenge porn.” The practice is often used by ex-spouses or ex-partners.

Massachusetts is one of only two states that does not have a law about this crime. The measure makes it illegal to do so and establishes a sentence of up to 2.5 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000; increases the upper limit of the fine for criminal harassment from \$1,000 to \$5,000; and allows a victim to petition the court for a harassment prevention order against a person who has violated this statute.

Another provision changes current law under which minors, under 18 years of age, who share explicit images of themselves or other minors, can be charged with violating Massachusetts child pornography laws and are required to register with the Sex Offender Registry. The bill allows minors to be diverted to an educational program that would provide them with information about the consequences of posting or transmitting indecent visual depictions of minors.

The legislation also expands the definition of abuse to include “coercive control,” which includes behaviors aimed at limiting a victim's safety or autonomy.

“The House has heard the urgent call of survivors to enhance protections and ensure that our laws keep up with technology,” said Rep. Mike Day (D-Stoneham), House Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary and the sponsor of the current version of the measure. “But the House doesn’t just listen, we act. It’s critical that these reforms pass into law quickly so that victims of coercive control, adolescent sexting and revenge porn aren’t left without relief.”

“The sexting provisions provide law enforcement officers with a middle ground that will allow them to educate kids about the consequences of their actions without ruining their lives,” said Rep. Jeff Roy (D-Franklin), a sponsor of one of the earlier versions of the proposal. “It will have a tremendous impact on people who have become entangled in the web and transmittal of images that can cause traumatic and lifetime harm, through a diversion program that will educate them about the legal and personal consequences of this behavior.”

“Protecting victims is the driving force behind these efforts and I am pleased we are giving prosecutors more tools to deal with these disturbing and dangerous situations,” said Rep. Richard Haggerty (D-Woburn), another sponsor of an earlier version of the bill. “By defining coercive control as abuse and closing revenge porn consent loopholes, this law protects against the severe emotional harm too often inflicted through non-physical tactics, sending a clear message that revenge porn, coercive control and criminal harassment have no place in Massachusetts.”

Jane Doe Inc. (JDI), the Massachusetts Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, released a statement applauding the Massachusetts House for unanimously passing the bill. JDI’s statement said that “this legislation will advance essential protections for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence across the commonwealth, including stronger protections against image-based sexual assault – sometimes referred to as revenge porn – and coercive control, a pattern of deliberate behavior by an abuser that substantially restricts another person’s safety and autonomy.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

DEEPPFAKE IMAGES (H 4241)

House 151-0, approved an amendment that would extend the restrictions on revenge porn to include “deepfake” pornography created by computer generation without a subject's consent. Deepfake pornography typically uses some existing pornography that is digitally manipulated to replace one person’s face likeness with that of the subject’s face.

“With the continued advancements in digital technology, AI-manufactured, digitized nude photos are our latest phase of exploitation,” said sponsor Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield). “At this time, anyone’s image can be realistically altered to create pornography and then shared without their consent. This amendment takes the critical step to filling the gap being created with this fast-advancing technology and begin to address the pervasive problem of non-consensual deepfake pornography.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the amendment.)

Rep. Christine Barber	Yes
Rep. Mike Connolly	Yes
Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven	Yes

USE INTEREST FROM STATE’S “RAIN DAY

FUND” TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL FUNDS (S 2548)

Senate 39-0, approved and sent to the House a bill that would leverage the interest from the state's Rainy Day Fund to better compete for federal dollars, to ensure the state receives the maximum possible share of federal funds and to pay down the state’s long term debt liabilities. The Rainy Day Fund currently has a historic balance of \$8.2 billion.

Supporters said the bill will require the state comptroller to transfer interest from the Rainy Day Fund to the Commonwealth Federal Matching and Debt Reduction Fund on a quarterly basis if the Rainy Day balance is of a healthy amount. The Secretary of Administration and Finance would then pursue federal funds for infrastructure, resiliency and economic development. Once federal grant opportunities expire, money in the fund will go toward reducing the state’s long-term liabilities.

“Remaining competitive, equitable and affordable entails thinking creatively about our commonwealth’s finances and funding, and that is what we accomplished today in the Senate,” said Senate President Karen Spilka (D-Ashland). “We have been fiscally prudent in building up the largest rainy-day fund in Massachusetts history, and today we are doubling down on our fiscal responsibility by using the interest on that fund to compete for federal dollars that will save our commonwealth even more in the long run.”

“The legislation that the Senate approved today provides us with a smart accounting measure that we can utilize to effectively stretch and maximize our taxpayer dollars to place the commonwealth in the very best position to compete for these lucrative federal funds, while also ensuring we continue to protect our rainy day reserves and adhere to sound fiscal discipline,” said Sen. Mike Rodrigues (D-Westport), Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. “Government is all about partnership.”

(A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes
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REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR TO GIVE 30 DAYS NOTICE (S 2548)

Senate 38-0 and 38-0, approved two amendments to the bill that leverages the interest from the state's Rainy Day Fund to better compete for federal dollars. Both amendments make the governor’s spending and transfers of funds subject to a 30-day advance reporting requirement to allow the Legislature and the public to know what is being considered before any actions are taken.

COMMENTARY

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Our View Of The Times

Lately, we have had to contend with ridiculously cold temperatures.

Remember, when cold snaps like this happen, the temperatures outside can actually be much colder than you think. Always play it safe and follow some simple guidelines, such as those that have been offered by the city. Here are some important highlights:

Make sure your heating system is working and you have enough heating fuel.

Know where your electricity, gas, and water switches and valves are located and how to shut them off. You may need to turn off water pipes if your pipes freeze or burst.

Make sure your vehicle’s gas tank is at least half full and pack an emergency kit that includes blankets and/or warm clothing.

Try to minimize your time spent outside, along with your pets.

Check on neighbors and family, especially the elderly and infirm.

Watch for signs of cold-related health concerns like frostbite and hypothermia and please call 911 immediately for any emergencies.

For adults experiencing homelessness the city’s Health and Human Services Office and Housing Families have opened an overnight warming center for the remainder of the winter 2024 season. The warming center will operate seven nights a week from 6:45 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., on the second floor of the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., through Sunday, March 24.

Let’s all be careful out there – and in there as well. We don’t want to see any of our fellow citizens falling victim to the savagery of old Jack Frost!

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who is celebrating this week as well, we wish her the very best. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as **Leslie Figueira**, **Rachel Tonello**, **Rosemary Ardagna**, **Joseph William Schenkenfelder**, **Bob Crowley LeBlanc**, **Roy Moulton** and **Linda LoPresti** a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

The city’s **Inclusionary Housing Program** has eleven income-restricted rental opportunities at **Union 346** (346 Somerville Ave.). The lottery includes studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments. Attend a virtual information session on **Wednesday, January 17**, to learn more. Applications must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on **Thursday, February 8**. For more information or to apply, visit somer villema.gov/inclusionary.

Green & Open Somerville (G&OS) is hosting a **presentation on rat poison**, with **Save Arlington Wildlife founder Laura Kiesel**. The presentation is **Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** at the **Somerville Central Library** (79 Highland Ave). They will be recording it and posting it online afterwards.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of **retired Firefighter Richard M. Casey of Ladder 3**, who passed away on **January 12**. May he rest in peace.

Visit the **ROOTED Armory Café** for their **Sunday Brunch, 9:00 – 5:00 p.m.** with live music 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 191 Highland Ave. Enjoy French toast, pancakes, frittata, pulled pork tacos, mimosas, espresso drinks and much more. This month’s line up will be **January 21: Antonio Tiriti Tran** (Flamenco Guitar) and **January 28: Eva Gertz** (Singer Songwriter).

Visit the **Somerville Museum** for the ongoing **Museo Inmigrante: Stories of Resilience from Somerville’s Padres Latinos** exhibit. A **Community Collaboration Project with Somerville’s Padres Latinos**. Padres Latinos is a mutual aid group of more than 230 Spanish and Portuguese-speaking parents with children in the **Somerville Public Schools (SPS)**. Visit the museum website for more information and hours www.somervillemuseum.org.

Join **Union Square Main Streets** for the **Keeping Small Strong Neighborhood Open House at Counter**

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's
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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

1. In the NFL what is the most popular jersey number for a quarterback?

2. How many total games are played in the NFL regular season?

3. Who was the only First Lady of the U.S. to ever win an Emmy Award?

4. What food is the Scoville scale used to measure spiciness?

5. What do bees collect to make honey?

6. hat '80s superstar portrayed Dr. Noah Drake on General Hospital?
7. What is the typical cheese that is part of a caprese salad

8. What is the only fruit with the seeds on the outside?

9. Which planet is known as the Blue Planet?

10. What rock guitarist played on the Michael Jackson song *Beat It*?

11. What is the only planet that rotates on its side?

12. What B-52's singer sang with R.E.M. on the song *Shiny Happy People*?

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. In 2016, Mozart sold more CDs than Beyonce.
2. Slinkies are 82 feet long.

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THE GRAMMYS

- ACROSS
1. Moonshine maker

6. Artist with most 2024 Grammy nominations

9. Not his

13. "Roots" author

14. That guy

15. Full of emotion (2 words)

16. Relating to #3 Down

17. Tarzan's mom, e.g.

18. Caribbean island destination

19. The Recording _____, voting organization

21. "What Was I Made For?" movie

23. *A Boy Named _____, 1970 Grammy winner

24. Prickle on a wire

25. Drench

28. Waiter's handout

30. Grammy-nominated Lauper song, "True _____"

35. Amusement destination

37. Rachel Renee Russell's " _____ Diaries"

39. Extend subscription

40. South Korean boy band

41. Type of wrap

43. Italian wine region

44. Forearm length unit

46. Honey-producing facility

47. Saw incision

48. Nauseant

50. Fancy marbles used as shooters

52. U.S. Marine Corps gift recipient

53. EU currency

55. Aglet on a shoelace, e.g.

57. _____.com Arena

60. Miley Cyrus' Song of the Year nominee and popular romantic gift

64. Texas cook-off dish

65. "In the _____ Tonight," by Grammy-winner Phil Collins

67. Send, as payment

68. Safe place

69. Bird word

70. Leave out

71. Bookkeeping entry

72. Refrigerator sound

73. Scatter

- DOWN
1. Not Sunni

2. Baby powder ingredient

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3. Pelvic parts

4. Shows the way

5. Aristotle's school

6. One-horse carriage

7. Mailing "code"

8. Single-cell protozoan

9. Grammy-winner, _____ Alpert

10. Purse for the red carpet

11. Bumpkin

12. Pampering place

15. Bar _____, ME

20. Rewards, in the olden days

22. Pendulum's path

24. Cantina staple

25. Ice _____, Best New Artist nominee

26. Wooden ship caulking

27. Space exploration mission

29. Grammy host for the fourth time

31. Plumbing problem

32. Early stages of illness
33. Reminiscent of the past

34. "Anti-Hero" performer

36. Not purl

38. Pacific Islanders' herbal drink

42. Handrail post

45. Neckwear decoration

49. Use scissors

51. Soft palate vibrations

54. House pest

56. Resided

57. Social media conversation

58. Bank of Paris

59. Big Bang's original matter

60. Word on a gift tag

61. Arabian bigwig

62. Fair attraction

63. Hot pot

64. Denoted by symbol X

66. Debtor's letters
- Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

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Best of Somerville 2023

Cast your vote!

You have until February 2 to vote for your favorites in each category. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com. The winners will be announced on Wednesday, February 7. If you don't see your favorite category here, simply add it to this list.

Foods & Restaurants

- Best Breakfast
- Best Combination Breakfast & Lunch
- Best Italian Food
- Best Chinese Food
- Best Mexican Food
- Best Portuguese Food
- Best Local Deli
- Best Variety and all around Restaurant
- Best Seafood
- Best Irish Pub
- Best Local Bar
- Best Thai Food
- Best Hamburger
- Best Mac & Cheese
- Best Hot-Dog
- Best Roast Beef Sandwich
- Best Pizza
- Best Bakery
- Best Sub Shop

- Best Coffee Shop Franchise
- Best Coffee Shop local
- Best Bar Food

Best of Somerville Services

- Best Electrician
- Best Plumber
- Best Attorney
- Best Teacher
- Best Politician
- Best City Worker
- Best Receptionist
- Best Real Estate Agent/Realtor
- Best Real Estate Rental Agent
- Best Bank Teller
- Best Bank Employee
- Best Waitstaff
- Best Bartender
- Best Cook
- Best Caterer

- Best Barber
- Best Hair Salon
- Best Doctor
- Best Nurse
- Best Coach
- Best Police Officer
- Best Fire Fighter
- Best Photographer
- Best Somerville Historian
- Best Eye Doctor
- Best Orthodontist
- Best Mortgage Officer
- Best Somerville Artist
- Best Somerville Poet
- Best Somerville Writer
- Best Somerville Celebrity
- Best City Elected Politician
- Best City Employee DPW
- Best City Employee City Hall/Annex

Best of Somerville Businesses

- Best Somerville Bank
- Best Real Estate Company
- Best Insurance Agency
- Best Creative Business in 2022
- Best Florist
- Best Laundromat
- Best Liquor Store
- Best Gas Station
- Best Auto Body Shop
- Best Tow Company
- Best Law Firm
- Best Pest Exterminator
- Best Convenient/Neighborhood Store
- Best Somerville Non Profit Agency
- Best Bar For Bands
- Best Newspaper

- Best Idea in 2023
- Worst Idea in 2023

Dorothy's Corner

BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



Panettone Bread Pudding

Every spring and fall, I make a point to go through my spice and dry goods cabinet looking for soon to be expired items, rearrange products and take inventory. A couple of weeks ago I found a panettone leftover from Christmas.

Not wanting to waste it, I came up with this great recipe that can be used for part of your brunch menu. I like to serve this bread pudding with cr me anglaise. You can make your own cr me anglaise, but I found it much easier to purchase my favorite vanilla ice cream and let it melt down. That sure beats purchasing all the ingredients and having to cook down the cream, eggs, sugar and vanilla extract.

- 1-1/2 lbs Panettone
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups milk

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp freshly ground nutmeg
- Pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Slice the panettone into about 1" slices and place on a baking sheet or two, making sure they are placed in a single layer. Place in the oven for a total of 15 minutes. At the 10 minute mark, turn all the bread over and bake for an additional five minutes until the bread is lightly toasted. Butter a 9"x13" baking dish and set aside. In a medium bowl, beat the eggs, add the milk, sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt and blend well.

Once the bread is toasted, lay a row of bread into the baking dish, then pour some of the custard mixture over the toast, pressing down each layer, allowing for the bread to soak up the custard. Alternate until all the bread and



custard are in the dish. Place the baking dish onto a baking sheet. This will make it easier to place into the oven and keep your oven clean in case some of the custard spills over.

Cover the baking dish with foil and place in the oven for 30 minutes. Remove foil and bake for an additional 15-20 minutes, until the custard is set.

Check by pressing into the center of the dish, it should be firm. Let cool for at least an hour. Serve in a small bowl and top with cr me anglaise. Garnish with toasted sliced almonds. Yields approximately 12 servings.

Visit Dorothy's website at <http://ddimarzo2002.wix.com/thymethief>.

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The **SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Building Envelope Concrete Repairs Phase 2 at State Aided Development: Mystic River (200-2) in Somerville, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by **NPS ARCHITECTS**.

The Project consists of but not limited to:
Continuation of phased repair of the precast concrete modular additions. This includes replacement of sealant and backer rod around entire perimeter of all window frames and precast unit seams, repair to cracked/spalling concrete exteriors, and application of concrete coating.

The work is estimated to cost **\$227,040.00**.

All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 01/25/2024 at 10:00AM EST for filed sub-bids and by 02/08/2024 at 10:00AM EST for general bids.

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §26 to 27H inclusive.

THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELECTRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified.

General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, **General Building Construction**, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement.

General Bids will be received until **15 February 2024** on **10:00AM EST** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed Sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until **01 February 2024** on **10:00AM EST** and publicly opened online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

TRADES
Painting

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the **SOMERVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost).

General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. **Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLC** (david.mcclave@mass.gov) **5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED.**

PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Scheduled
Date and Time: 01/18/2024 at 10:00AM EST
Address: 30 Memorial Rd, Somerville, MA 02145
Instructions: Meet at green awning that says Modernization

The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at:

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
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THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The **Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)** will hold a public meeting and public hearings on **Tuesday, February 6, 2024** at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 – 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov.

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/wn_y0BKU90nTmq4V-B9LfK5dA
Webinar ID: 879 8457 3750

TO CALL IN

An attendee must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING COMPONENT

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HP23-000059 - 22 Porter Street #2
Applicant: Renewal by Andersen LLC
Owner: Dan Mikes
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by replacing original or early replacement windows.

HP23-000058 - 15 Adams Street
Applicant: Just Woodcraft Inc
Owner: Catherine Haines
The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter an LHD property by altering window openings.

HP23-000085 - 93 Highland Ave
Applicant: City of Somerville
Owner: Same as applicant
Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace cupola windows and deteriorated trim.

*Case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at <https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases>. Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. **Note:** Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov **NO LATER THAN NOON** one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somervillema.gov with inquiries.*

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –
HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Project File No. 119537

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Maffa Way/Mystic Avenue Bridge Superstructure Replacements project in Somerville and Charlestown.

WHERE: Somerville Public Library
Central Branch
79 Highland Ave
Somerville, MA 02143

WHEN: **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 6:00 PM**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public an overview of the Maffa Way/Mystic Avenue Bridge Superstructure Replacements project prior to the commencement of construction activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of replacing the two deteriorated bridge superstructures of the Maffa Way and Mystic Avenue bridges over the MBTA Orange Line and Commuter Rail lines in Boston and Somerville. This project is set to improve public safety, pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations by addressing substandard bridge conditions. The project will be integrated with adjacent projects, such as Assembly Square, Rutherford Avenue, and the One Mystic development.

This location is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (including but not limited to interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, open or closed captioning for videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats, such as audio tapes, Braille and large print), as available. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity and Civil Rights Officer by phone (857-368-8580), fax (857-368-0602), TTD/TTY (857-368-0603) or by email (MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us). Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten (10) business days before the meeting.

In the event of inclement weather a cancellation announcement will be posted on the internet at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/highway-division/events>.

JONATHAN GULLIVER HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR	CARRIE E. LAVALLEE, P.E. CHIEF ENGINEER
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
RFP 24-37

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed proposals for:

Phone Answering Services for 311

A RFP package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Tuesday, January 16th, 2024**. Sealed proposals will be received at the PCS Office, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or via Bid Express until: **Wednesday, January 31st, 2024 at 2:30pm**.

The City of Somerville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any minor informality, and accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Somerville.

Please email tcukhatsang@somervillema.gov for more information.

Thupten Chukhatsang
Senior Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3400

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE
THE SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL ACTION No. 2388CV000046

RE: JS BUILDERS, INC. v. SLACKTIDE DEVELOPMENT, LLC and 3 SKYLINE DRIVE, LLC.

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **Defendants, Slacktide Development, LLC and 3 Skyline Drive, LLC named in the complaint filed in the Nantucket District Court, in the County of Nantucket, in said Commonwealth;** to any authorized person(s) or agent(s) on behalf of the Defendants, Slacktide Development, LLC and 3 Skyline Drive, LLC, whose names are currently unknown, to protect your right to defend yourself in this lawsuit, you must deliver or mail a written response called an "Answer" to both the "Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Nantucket District Court, P.O. Box 1800, Nantucket, MA 02554, and to Plaintiffs Counsel, Christopher A. Veara, at P.O. Box 560, Mashpee, MA 02649.

AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE SERVICE MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 2003 as amended:

JS Builders, Inc., filed a complaint in the Nantucket District Court, to any authorized person(s) or agent(s) on behalf of the Defendants, Slacktide Development, LLC and 3 Skyline Drive, LLC, whose names are currently unknown, to protect your right to defend yourself in this lawsuit, you must deliver or mail a written response called an "Answer" to both the "Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Nantucket District Court, P.O. Box 1800, Nantucket, MA 02554, and to Plaintiffs Counsel, Christopher A. Veara, at P.O. Box 560, Mashpee, MA 02649.

If you now are, or recently have been, in active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 eq seq. If you object to the complaint filed on the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in said court at Nantucket in said County on or before

Witness, James Sullivan, Esquire, Justice of the District Court, at Nantucket, Massachusetts, this 2/12, 2024 or you may be barred forever from claiming that you are entitled to benefits of

Witness, James Sullivan, Justice of the District Court, at Nantucket, Massachusetts, this 3rd day of January 2024.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COUNTY OF BARNSTABLE
THE SUPERIOR COURT

CIVIL ACTION No. 2388CV000047

RE: JS BUILDERS, INC. v. SLACKTIDE DEVELOPMENT, LLC and 14 MVR, LLC.

ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: **Defendants, Slacktide Development, LLC and 14 MVR, LLC named in the complaint filed in the Nantucket District Court, in the County of Nantucket, in said Commonwealth;** to any authorized person(s) or agent(s) on behalf of the Defendants, Slacktide Development, LLC and 14 MVR, LLC, whose names are currently unknown, to protect your right to defend yourself in this lawsuit, you must deliver or mail a written response called an "Answer" to both the "Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Nantucket District Court, P.O. Box 1800, Nantucket, MA 02554, and to Plaintiffs Counsel, Christopher A. Veara, at P.O. Box 560, Mashpee, MA 02649.

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Request for Proposals

The **Somerville Housing Authority** (the SHA) is issuing this Request for Proposals ("RFP") for legal services from law firms to represent the SHA in litigation. These legal services will include but not be limited to cases brought in housing court and or other courts for summary process, evictions, procurements, reasonable accommodations, advisory opinions, and grievances.

The contract term is 3 years and are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, inclusive.

The RFP Documents will be available for download from our web site www.sha-web.org under Bids/RFP's - Bid opportunities tab after **11:00 a.m. January 17, 2024**. There will be no charge for these documents. If providing a proposal, you must email/register with Anthony Crespo, at tonyc@sha-web.org and leave contact information. Identify the email in the subject line as Legal Services for Housing Litigation RFP #P-HATTY022024. Addendums will be posted on the website and will become part of the contract documents; the bidder shall be responsible to download and include in with bid.

Proposals can be mailed, or dropped off to Somerville Housing Authority, Administrative Offices Attn.: Anthony Crespo, Legal Services for Housing Litigation RFP # P-HATTY022024, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245 and must be received by 11:00 a.m. February 6, 2024. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be accepted.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR BIDS
IFB #24-35

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, Invites Sealed Bids For:

Sewer Bricks & Supplies

A bid package may be obtained online at <https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement> or from the City of Somerville's BidExpress page at <http://www.somervillema.gov/BidExpress> on or after: **Wednesday, January 17th, 2024**. Sealed responses will be received at the PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 or via Bid Express until: **2:00 pm, Thursday, February 1st 2024**. The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please email Sonia Castro scastro@somervillema.gov for more information.

Sonia Castro
Procurement Manager
617-625-6600 x3407

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
#P-AUTO12024

The **Somerville Housing Authority** invites sealed bids from contractors for Auto, Small engine, Snow and Lawn Equipment Repair and Maintenance bid #P-AUTO12024.

Contract term is 3-years.

Bid forms and Contract Documents will be available on our Somerville Housing Authority web site and will be available for download from our web site www.sha-web.org under our Bids\RFPs-bid opportunities tab after **11:00 A.M. on January 17, 2024**.

Bids due by **11:00 A.M., January 31, 2024**, and can be dropped off or mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Offices, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

There will be no charge for these documents. If bidding, you must register by emailing Anthony Crespo at tonyc@sha-web.org and leave a contact information. A return email will be sent if received. Please mail or drop off on or before due date to Somerville Housing Authority, Administrative offices. Attn: Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245. Mark envelope Auto Contract Bid # P-AUTO12024 and your company name and address.

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3. Jackie Kennedy

4. Chili peppers

5. Nectar

6. Rick Springfield

7. Mozzarella

8. Strawberries

9. Earth

10. Eddie Van Halen

11. Uranus

12. Kate Pierson

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Museo Inmigrante opens at the Somerville Museum

The Somerville Museum celebrated the opening of Museo Inmigrante on January 11 with a sold-out crowd. People stood outside in line waiting to go in and view the opening of the exhibit as the museum experienced a capacity filled room.

For this exhibit, Padres Latinos partnered with award-winning photographers Mario Quiroz and Iaritza Menjivar to explore stories from its members about immigration, home, family, memory, community, and finding purpose. Padres Latinos invites all Somerville residents and visitors across the region to the exhibition.

Visit the museum this weekend for the Curator Tour with the Curators as they discuss their pro-cess and vision for the exhibition in English on Saturday, January 20, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The Cu-rator Tour in Spanish will be held on Saturday, January 20, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For more information, hours and events for this exhibit visit <http://somervillemuseum.org>.





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‘Little Peasants’ workshop performances at The Burren

Food Tank announces two special workshop performances of Little Peasants, a bold and timely new play written by Bernard Pollack and directed by Dori A. Robinson. The production will be performed at The Burren (247 Elm St, Somerville) on Wednesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Little Peasants takes you on an immersive theatrical journey behind the closed doors of a food workers’ union organizing campaign. The show is immersive, putting audience members in baristas’ shoes to demonstrate the tactics employers are using to thwart organizing efforts. A one-act iteration of Little Peasants was previously featured at SXSW in March of 2023 and received critical acclaim and multiple standing ovations.

“This is a rare opportunity to experience a heated food workers’ union campaign from the inside,” says director Dori A. Robinson. “An immersive experience, the audience is invited to see the struggles from both sides of the table – the struggling workers, and the thoughtful organization.”

“The play humanizes the key players on both sides who worry for both the personal everyday lives of the workers, but also the larger ripple effect of their actions. In a situation where neither side is completely right or wrong and both have much to lose, the audience is faced with the question: how would you vote?”

The workshop is presented by Food Tank, a globally renowned research and advocacy nonprofit dedicated to building a more sustainable food system. Their previous theatrical production, We Came To Dance, delved into the intersection of food, exoplanets, and the climate crisis, and enjoyed a one-month sold-out run at the 2021 Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. It received praise from The New York Times and several other media out-

lets, had excerpts performed live on Good Morning Britain, and was featured at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP27).

“To truly transform our food systems, we need the power of the arts. Little Peasants is a unique opportunity for all of us to understand the momentum food workers are creating for just and fair treatment,” says Food Tank President and co-founder Danielle Nierenberg. “Food Tank is excited to collaborate with dramaturg and producer Elena Morris, director Dori A. Robinson, and the all-Boston based cast to combine culture and food!”

The cast of Little Peasants includes:

Christa Brown as Monique Demoro, president of North America, Unicorn Coffee.

Rob Cope as Craig Becker, anti-union attorney employed by Unicorn Coffee.

Ciera-Sadé Wade as Ashley, a young barista.

Lorraine Victoria Kanyike as Molly, a young barista.

Jake Mouchawar as Michael, a young barista.

Autumn Blazon-Brown as Ella Lax, a young barista.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Bernard Pollack (Playwright) is the Chairman and co-founder of the non-profit Food Tank. A one-act version of Little Peasants was recently performed on the mainstage of South by Southwest 2023’s Interactive Festival in partnership with the University of Texas-Austin MFA Directing program. His first play, We Came To Dance – a family-friendly immersive musical, about the climate crisis, had a sold-out four-week run at the 2021 Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland. The show was featured by the BBC, the New York Times, live on Good Morning Britain, and rave reviews from The Stage, The Scotsman, Edinburgh Reporter, The List, Edinburgh Guide, Musical Theatre Review, and more.

We Came To Dance was also commissioned and performed at the 2021 U.N. Climate Change Conference. Bernard is based in Cambridge, MA.

Dori A. Robinson (Director) is thrilled to work with Food Tank and to bring this play to life. A director, playwright, dramaturg and educator, Dori recently served as the Assistant Director at the Huntington Theatre on The Band’s Visit and Prayer for the French Republic. Directing credits include Silent Sky, The Elm Tree, Fully Committed, A Bright Room Called Day, Julius Caesar, The Merchant of Venice, The Lion in Winter, Winter of Discontent, Peter and the Starcatcher, A Bintel Brief, and The Chelmites Capture the Moon. She has worked with such companies as The Barnstormers, Fresh Ink, New Victory, Steppenwolf, Timeline, JArts Collaborative, and Greater Boston Stage. Dori’s original plays have been produced in New York, Chicago, and Boston, and she is a proud company member of Alight Theater Guild. An avid teaching artist, she regularly shares her love of Shakespeare, new play development, political theatre, and gender in performance. Dori is a lecturer at Northeastern University. Education: New York University. dorirobinson.com.

Elena Morris (Dramaturgy and Production) is a dramaturg, playwright, and performer passionate about building new plays and just futures. She is proud to welcome everyone to Little Peasants having collaborated on the development of the piece into a full-length play starting in March 2023. Elena currently works in the Development department at The Huntington Theatre Company. She previously served as a staff Dramaturg at Company One Theatre, Artistic Associate at New Repertory Theatre, and an administrator at ArtsBoston, where she wrote articles on artists



Performances of ‘Little Peasants’ will take place at The Burren on Wednesday, February 7, and Wednesday, February 21

and promoted local arts events on The ArtsBoston Calendar. Elena earned a BFA in Theatre Arts from Boston University in 2018. elena-morris.com.

Danielle Nierenberg (Food Tank co-founder) is a world-renowned researcher, speaker, and advocate on all issues relating to our food system and agriculture. In 2013, Danielle Nierenberg co-founded Food Tank (foodtank.com [5]) with Bernard Pollack, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on building a global community for safe, healthy, nourished eaters. Food Tank is a global convener, thought leadership organization, and unbiased creator of original research impacting the food system. Danielle has an M.S. in Agriculture, Food, and Environment from the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and spent two years volunteering for the Peace

Corps in the Dominican Republic. Danielle is the recipient of the 2020 Julia Child Award.

TICKETS

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. No refunds or exchanges.

Purchase online at 24hourconcerts.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=1248

ABOUT FOOD TANK

Food Tank is one of the fastest-growing nonprofit organizations around food and agriculture issues, focused on building a global community for safe, healthy, nourished eaters. Their work spotlights environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable ways of alleviating hunger, malnutrition, and poverty, and creates networks of people, organizations, and content to push for food system change. Food Tank highlights hope and success in agriculture. FoodTank.com.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Upcoming events:

The Inti Raymi Festival – A celebration of the Andean New Year. A Bilingual Storytelling Event – Thursday, January 18th at our Holland Street Center. Portuguese Lunch from J&J Restaurant and performance is brought to you at no cost by Somerville Cambridge Elder Services Multicultural Meal Program, a City of Somerville, ARPA funded program. Please reserve your spot for the event and lunch by calling Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

Movie Day - Wednesday, January 17th at 1:00 p.m. Holland Street Center – Book Club Starring: Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda and Mary Steenburgen. Rated PG-13 -Running Time 1 hour & 44minutes. Four lifelong friends' lives are turned upside down to hilarious ends when their book club tackles Fifty Shades of Grey. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov - \$2 per person for Pizza Lunch.

Movie Day - Wednesday, January 24th at 1:00pm Holland Street Center – Book Club, The Next Chapter. - Starring: Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen, Jane Fonda and Mary Steenburgen. Rated PG-13 - Running Time 1 hour & 48minutes. This highly anticipated sequel follows the four best friends as they take their book club to Italy! RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or dhiggins@somervillema.gov \$2 per person for Pizza Lunch.

Multicultural Meals Program – Congratulations to Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services (SCES) who was the recent recipient of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding from the City of Somerville. SCES will use this funding to provide free, hot, lunches to Somerville's older adults at both the Holland Street Center and the Ralph and Jenny Senior Centers through June of 2024. Multicultural lunches will be catered by Somerville businesses and will be served at noon, following BINGO or Special Programming.

Tuesday, January 2nd - Holland Street Center - Portuguese - J&J Restaurant

Tuesday, January 23rd - Holland Street Center Haitian - Highland Creole Cuisine

Thursday, January 25th - Holland Street Center Italian - Alfredo's Italian Kitchen

All are welcome! Registration is required as space is limited. Please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321. Grab and Go lunches are still available.

Knitting with Natasha Group – Looking to start off the new year learning or improving your knitting skills? The Somerville Council on Aging is hosting a drop-in knitting group

in January. To learn how to knit, or if you find yourself with any questions regarding your knitting project consider attending. Drop-in dates are January 16th, January 23rd and January 30th from 2-3pm at 167 Holland St. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600 ext. 2317.

Bingo – Tuesday at the Holland Street Center – Every Tuesday - starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov

Bingo – Thursday at our Holland Street Center - starting at 10:00 a.m. Every Thursday except January 18th. Lunch is available following Bingo. RSVP to Debby Higgins by calling 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov

Project Outlook, Low Vision Group - Meets the 4th Thursday of each month (January 25th) starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Special guest this month is Joel Light. Joel will sing a medley of popular songs. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. Come join in the conversation, we look forward to meeting you. All are welcome. Pizza will be served. For more information, please contact Claudia Ferro at 857-237-1801 or Molly Pagliuca at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318.

Tech Time Drop In Hours - Tuesdays, January 16th, 23rd & 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland St. Center - RSVP to Molly Pagliuca at 617-625-6600 ext. 2318 or mpagliuca@somervillema.gov

Coffee & Conversation – Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. January 22nd, & 29th - Join us as we discuss a range of topics. No books – no test – just friendly conversation and good coffee. Please contact Maureen Bastardi at mabastardi@Somervillema.gov or 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 to RSVP.

Book Club – Meets the 3rd Friday of each month (January 19th) starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland St. Center. This month the book is People of the Book by Heather Morris. Do you love books and want to discuss your love of reading with others? Consider joining Book Club. Group meets in person and concurrently via Zoom. Please RSVP by calling Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 or email Natasha at nnaim@somervillema.gov as space is limited.

Brown Bag Supplemental Food Program – PICK UP Thursday, January 25th, from 9:00

a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center located at 9 New Washington Street. For an application contact Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

General Nutrition Classes – Virtual classes, via Zoom on Mondays, January 22nd and January 29th at 11:00am via Zoom and 12:30pm in person at the Holland Street Center. Wednesdays January 17th, January 24th & January 31st at 10:00am at the Holland Street Center. New and returning members are welcome! To RSVP, please call Mary Marshall at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email her at headtofit-ness10@yahoo.com.

Tai Chi – 9:00 a.m. January 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th and 16th at our Holland Street Center. Tai Chi is a practice that uses slow, gentle movements and postures to help improve mindfulness, balance and ease of motion. It originated as an ancient martial art from China and promotes wellness and rehabilitation. The mind-body exercise incorporates breathing techniques with fluid motion and a meditative state to boost positive energy overall. RSVP to Michelle Deutsch at 617-625-6600, ext. 2315 or email Michelle at mdeutsch@somervillema.gov.

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If you would like to receive a virtual copy of our monthly newsletter, please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2335 or email Maureen Bastardi at mbastardi@somervillema.gov. If you would like to become part of our Google Group, please contact Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov.

The Council on Aging's Senior Transportation Program

The COA is offering free taxi rides to Somerville residents over the age of 60. Rides are available to go to the grocery store, farmer's market, and pharmacy in Somerville and routine medical appointments in the surrounding communities. To best accommodate the needs of everyone in the city and to maximize the use of our funding, we will be capping the number of rides per week. To ensure the health and welfare of every resident of Somerville, exemptions will be made for chemotherapy and radiation appointments. To find out more information or to schedule your ride, please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319. All rides must be booked two business days in advance. This program is funded through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Funding.

Somerville Homeless Coalition awarded Sincere Foundation grant

Sincere Foundation (<https://www.sincere.com>) announced that it has completed its first full grant cycle and distributed \$250,000 across twenty non-profit organizations that address basic needs in Massachusetts. The grants support programs that align with Sincere Foundation’s three key funding priorities: food security, housing stability, and safe spaces. Boston-based technology company Sincere Corporation created Sincere Foundation in 2023. The Foundation is made possible by the support of the Company’s family of brands: Punchbowl®, Timehop®, and Memento®.



“We are excited to help empower Massachusetts organizations and the essential work they do in their communities with this funding cycle,” said Rebecca Reiner, Executive Director, Sincere Foundation. “These grants exemplify our commitment to support nonprofits that address basic needs, and we look forward to continuing this work in 2024 and beyond.”

Among the notable recipients is Lovin’ Spoonfuls, an organization dedicated to the rescue and distribution of healthy, fresh food that would otherwise be discarded throughout Greater Boston, MetroWest, Worcester County, and Hampden County. Initiatives like this one represent a vital step to help families in Massachusetts, where one in three households experience food insecurity or lack of consistent access to adequate food according to the Greater Boston Food Bank’s Third Annual Report, published in May 2023.

“At Sincere, we build technology that brings you closer and helps show you care to the people in your life who matter the most,” said Matt Douglas, Founder & CEO, Sincere Corporation. “We’re proud to support this exceptional group of organizations with our Foundation, and work towards a future where everyone has the opportunity to celebrate, recognize milestones, and honor memories.”

“Sincere Foundation places a strong emphasis on improving the quality of life for underserved communities and we are honored to accept a grant to support our Mobile Shower Van program. We firmly believe that every individual deserves access to basic hygiene facilities and, by offering frequent and safe access to showers for those who live outside, not only can we meet the basic needs of our homeless clients, we get to restore their sense of dignity too” said Felicity Beal, Director of Development at SHC. In addition to \$75,000 awarded to three nonprofits earlier in 2023, the following organizations received a grant from Sincere Foundation:



- Food Security
- Berkshire Bounty (Great Barrington)

Lovin’ Spoonfuls (Newton)

Open Table (Concord)

Overlook Farm (Rutland)

Regional Environmental Council (Worcester)

Treehouse Foundation (Easthampton)

Housing Stability

- Breaktime (Boston)
- Family Promise North Shore Boston (Beverly)

Homeless Prevention Council (Orleans)

Just a Start (Cambridge)

Somerville Homeless Coalition (Somerville)

The Haven Project (Lynn)

- Safe Spaces
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Metrowest (Marlborough)

Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc. (Boston)

Elevate Youth Inc. (Boston)

Girls Inc. of Boston and Lynn (Lynn)

New England Culinary Arts Training (Boston)



Sincere Foundation considers grants from organizations that are a registered 501(c)3 within the USA, provide services within Massachusetts, and align with the Foundation’s funding priorities. Grant proposals for up to \$25,000 must be submitted by March 1, 2024 for review by June 1, 2024, or by September 20, 2024 for review by December 1, 2024. To learn more about Sincere Foundation, visit www.sincere.com.

About Sincere Foundation

Sincere Foundation supports organizations and programs that address basic needs in Massachusetts communities, and envisions a future where everyone has the opportunity to celebrate, recognize milestones, and honor memories. The Foundation is made possible by the support of Sincere Corporation and its family of brands: Punchbowl®, Timehop®, and Memento®. In 2023, Sincere Foundation awarded \$250,000 to twenty organizations that support food security, housing stability, and safe spaces. To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.sincere.com.

Enrollment for prekindergarten and kindergarten now open

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Community Schools/Afterschool Registration

IMPORTANT: Families who are interested in enrolling their students in the Community Schools Afterschool program will need to register through a sep-

arate registration system. The Community Schools portal will be open for Somerville Public Schools students, as follows:

- Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Afterschool Registration: March 19 – 28, 2024

- Community Schools registration for returning students in grades 1 and up will also open on March 19, 2024.

Afterschool seats are assigned based on availability at sites and through a weighted enrollment system. For more information,

visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/CommunitySchools.

Links to lists of other after school programs available to Somerville students can be found on the Out of School Time page, <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/ost>.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

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"This bill gives the governor and her administration the unilateral power to control what could potentially be millions of public dollars generated from the interest earned by the state's stabilization fund," said Sen. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), the sponsor of both amendments. "Power must be balanced by the transparency and accountability these amendments provide. They will ensure that the Legislature and the public know what is happening with these precious public resources before it happens."

(Both roll calls are listed. On both roll calls, a "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes/Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DON'T MISS THIS "HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE HEALTH CARE EQUITY IN MASSACHUSETTS" EVENT - Join MASsterList and the State House News Service for an in-person event at the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) in Downtown Crossing, Boston on January 23 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Massachusetts health care is renowned for its leadership and innovation and yet it falls alarmingly short in delivering equitable access and outcomes. Health data has consistently revealed an array of morally indefensible health disparities along racial lines, including in maternal health, diabetes opioid use and access to preventive care. The in-depth discussion includes health leaders, including providers, advocates and elected officials, on the next steps that are needed for Massachusetts to achieve health equity for all, and how different sectors, leaders, and communities can get involved. Details and sign up: <https://massterlist.com/health-equity>

PROHIBIT GIVING LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCES TO 18, 19 AND 20 YEAR OLDS - A 4-3 ruling by the State Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) overruled the Legislature and ruled that life sentences without the possibility of parole for offenders who were 18, 19 or 20 when they committed their crimes violate the prohibition against cruel or unusual punishment and are unconstitutional.

"Bravo, a strong juvenile justice victory," posted Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Marlborough) on X. #cjreform advocates estimate around 200 incarcerated people could be eligible for parole from the SJC ruling, with more decisions to come."

Some legislators said the court overstepped its boundaries and violated the constitution's separation of powers. "Passing laws that make crimes and set sentences is the province of the Legislature, and if the majority of the court wants to get into that business, then they ought to resign from the court and run for the Legislature," said Rep. Jeff Turco (D-Winthrop).

"Today's ruling underscores the importance of our legal system acknowledging the ongoing brain development of young people in order to improve public safety, reduce recidivism and deliver justice," said Attorney General Andrea Campbell. "The science emphatically demonstrates that young people have an extraordinary capacity to change and mature, and our justice system should provide them the invaluable opportunity to turn their lives around and fulfil their potential."

ZERO EMISSIONS BY 2040 (S 2488) - The Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee held a hearing on legislation that would accelerate the decrease of carbon emissions by requiring the state to achieve net zero emissions by 2040, instead of current law which sets the goal for 2050.

"I filed this legislation because the latest scientific consensus indicates the worst effects of our climate crisis have begun to unravel," said sponsor Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton). "In terms of our collective progress toward net zero emissions, we are crawling when the science clearly demonstrates we need to be sprinting. We have now already reached the point where you don't need to look at the science, just look out your window."

REQUIRE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS TO GET CUSTOMER'S CONSENT (H 3179) - Another measure heard by the Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee would prohibit telecommunications or internet service providers from collecting personally identifiable information from a customer as a result of the customer's use of the telecommunications or internet services, without the customer's express written approval.

"[The bill] seeks to empower consumers by allowing them to take control of how their personal information is collected and disseminated," said sponsor Rep. Brad Jones (R-North Reading). "At a time of growing privacy concerns, this bill will help to ensure that no personally identifiable information is shared by a telecommunications or internet service provider without the customer's explicit written consent and will give the customer the power to revoke that consent at any time."

STUDENTS MUST TAKE A FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE (H 4199) - The Education Committee held a public hearing on legislation that would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and assist in the implementation of curriculum on personal financial literacy to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to become self-supporting and to enable them to make critical decisions regarding personal finances. All students in grades 9-12 would be required to take the course.

The components of the curriculum would include the understanding of loans, borrowing money, interest, credit card debt and online commerce; the rights and responsi-

bilities of renting or buying a home; saving, investing and planning for retirement; banking and financial services; balancing a checkbook; state and federal taxes; charitable giving; preventing identity theft; avoiding online scams; and learning a basic understanding of cryptocurrencies.

"Far too many of our young people are thrust into life after high school with limited education on basic financial skills and habits," said sponsor Rep. Ryan Hamilton (D-Methuen). "This is unacceptable in a world where ever-increasing college costs lead to high student debt burden and inflated rent and living costs make finding a stable job and place to live challenging for our young people especially. Ensuring that all students in Massachusetts receive financial literacy education prior to graduation is critical to both empowering the next generation and spreading greater information on healthy money practices throughout our communities."

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I am proud to support the Equality Model Bill as it acknowledges the lived reality of trafficking survivors and the inherent exploitation of prostituted persons. My Office's Human Trafficking Division is a proud member of the Commonwealth's Anti-Trafficking Task Force, a state-wide, collaborative approach for combatting both labor and sex trafficking in Massachusetts. We will continue to work with survivors, law enforcement, community organizations and elected officials to elevate this critical work and ensure protections for survivors." — *Attorney General Andrea Campbell as local sex trade survivors joined advocates and lawmakers at the Massachusetts State House to recognize National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.*

"The application looks very similar to the ones that were sent out in 2022 and 2020. These official mailings have the state seal printed on the outside, to help voters distinguish them from any political mailings they may also be receiving." — *Secretary of State Bill Galvin telling voters to be on the lookout for their Official 2024 Vote by Mail Application, as the March 5 Presidential primary gets closer.*

"Our audits help to identify where there may be deficiencies, a lack of oversight, or a need for greater accountability across state government. We commend the [the National Guard] for taking responsibility for addressing the areas of concern raised in our audit to ensure they are making necessary improvements." — *State Auditor Diana DiZoglio releasing an audit of the Massachusetts National Guard indicating some flaws by the guard including that the guard did not keep adequate records for service members enrolling in state colleges and universities through the Massachusetts Army and Air Force National Guard Tuition and Fee Reimbursement Program.*

"This new program seeks to provide funding for women students, who may not be able to access scholarship and grant funding typically available to more traditional students, to continue their education and

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Business History and Community Service Awards

Congratulations to Business History and Community Service Award recipients: HONK! Festival, The Burren Irish Pub & Restaurant, Ebi Sushi, and Cleary Insurance.

The Somerville Business History Award recognizes businesses that have contributed to the culture and development of Somerville through length of time in operation and impact on the history or culture of the city. The 2023 Somerville Business History Awards recipients are The Burren Irish Pub & Restaurant and Ebi Sushi Restaurant.

The HONK! The Festival was honored with the 2023 Community Service Award. HONK! Festival has inspired festivals in cities across the United States, including Providence, New York, Seattle, Austin, and Detroit, as well as festivals around the globe, including in Australia and Brazil. Members of HONK's organizing committee Reebee Garofalo, John Bell, and Trudi Cohen received the award.

The Museum's Thomas Battinelli Stewardship Award, presented to Cleary Insurance, is named in honor of long-time Museum volunteer and supporter Thomas Battinelli (1929-2017). The award recognizes and celebrates individuals or organizations who have demonstrated exceptional support of the Museum.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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path to economic success.” — *Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women* Commissioner Denella Clark announcing a new scholarship program.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?
Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature’s job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in

public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of January 8-12, the House met for a total of four hours and 41 minutes and the Senate met for a total of three hours and 53 minutes.

Mon. Jan. 8	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:19 a.m.
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Tues. Jan. 9	No House session No Senate session
Wed. Jan. 10	House 11:01 a.m. to 2:56 p.m. No Senate session.
Thurs. Jan. 11	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:38 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 12	No House session No Senate session

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Arts at the Armory is thrilled to announce a Ticket Giveaway – enter to win a pair of tickets to Peter Mulvey’s Spotlight concert on February 3, with Lyle Brewer opening! Go to <https://artsatthearmory.org/> to submit your email address via a secure Google form before January 24.

Peter Mulvey has been a songwriter, road-dog, raconteur, and almost-poet since before he can remember. In 1989 he spent a year in Ireland, busking on the streets of Dublin and hitchhiking to whatever gigs he could find. Back stateside, he spent a couple years gigging through the bars of his native Midwest before taking off for Boston, where he returned to subway busking and coffeehouses. Small shows led to larger shows, which eventually led to regional and then national touring. The wheels have not stopped since.

Somerville through the eyes of Denise



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On This Day in History
January 17

1773 – Captain James Cook becomes the first person to cross the Antarctic Circle.

1601 – The Treaty of Lyons ends a short war between France and Savoy.

1746 – Charles Edward Stuart, the young pretender, defeats the government forces at the battle of Falkirk in Scotland.

1819 – Simon Bolivar the “liberator” proclaims Columbia a republic.

1893 – Queen Liliuokalani, the Hawaiian monarch, is overthrown by a group of American sugar planters led by Sanford Ballard Dole.

1912 – Robert Scott reaches the South Pole only a month after Roald Amundsen.

1939 – The Reich issues an order forbidding Jews to practice as dentists, vets and chemists.

1945 – The Red army occupies Warsaw.

1963 – Soviet leader Khrushchev visits the Berlin Wall.

1985 – A jury in New Jersey rules that terminally ill patients have the right to starve themselves.

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Remembering David Ferry

Article by Off the Shelf Correspondent Michael Todd Steffen

The Boston area has lost a great voice and friend in poetry. At the age of 99, David Ferry passed on Sunday, November 5. As a remembrance, I wanted to share my introduction to David's reading at the Hastings Room on November 4, 2015. As I've recalled elsewhere, that evening while David read, a cellist was practicing Bach in a nearby room at First Church, where we do the readings. The sonorous draws of the bow across the cello seemed so appropriate for David's reading, the beauty and classical air of the music sweeping softly behind his voice. I know many will be remembering David with gratitude for the generosity he showed in his encouragement, in his classes at Suffolk with George Kalogeris, as well as reading our manuscripts. I know I feel a great loss, but as great a gratitude.

In his Introduction to a presentation of 10 of David Ferry's poems, in honor of awarding the Ruth Lily Poetry Prize, in the July/August 2011 edition of *Poetry*, Christian Wiman wrote,

One of the qualities essential to being good at reading poetry is also one of the qualities essential to being good at life: a capacity for surprise ... without any preconceived notions of what we wanted [poems and people] to be.

Wiman's "capacity for surprise" could also be seen as the enthusiasm in David for people and for poetry. I am surely not alone to have witnessed this quality in him, above all as an animated reader of poetry. And of the many, many comments come across as to what poetry is, and what makes a good poet, one of the most convincing is that a good poet is a good reader of poetry. Richard Poirier was one of a few scholars to mention this about Shakespeare, that he was such a good reader of poetry. I say this with no intention of clobbering David by comparing him to that summer's day.

"My subject is pleasure," David wrote in an essay about the difficulty of getting translation right.

My subject is pleasure, the pleasure of hearing somebody else's voice and the play-acting pleasure of pretending for awhile ... that you're in on how the wonderful thing happened.

David's discussion in the essay leads him to reflections on the subtleties of courtly love and the good of a beautiful woman's disdain during the French Renaissance, and even farther back to how a word Virgil used for "mask" (ocilla) eluded his every attempt to get a compressed, accurate and ringing translation of the passage in the *Eclogues*. His subject, if frustration at the inevitabilities of mistranslation, is pleasure, the pleasure at discovering these deeper nuances and ironies possible in the target or original text. It is pro-



foundly and so admirably a reader's pleasure.

More and more in the last 16 years David has been appreciated for his original poetry, in the year 2000 winning the Lenore Marshall Prize from the Academy of American Poets and the Rebekah Johnson Bobbitt National Prize from the Library of Congress for his book *Of No Country I Know* published the previous year. In 2012, for his book *Bewilderment*, David was awarded the National Book Award.

It's not my intention this evening to shift the nation's attention back to David as a translator. Yet his work as a translator has continued to thrive, and all along as the contents of his books have suggested, he has maintained both roles as poet and translator throughout his writing career. He has published translations of Horace's *Odes*, Virgil's *Eclogues* and *Georgics*, and I believe he has recently completed a translation of *The Aeneid*. (Any publication date projected for that yet?)

In 1992 Farrar, Straus and Giroux published David's *A New Rendering in English Verse of Gilgamesh*, which is not so much a work of translation in the sense that his Horace and Virgil are. William L. Moran described David Ferry's *Gilgamesh* as "a highly selective and creative adaptation and transformation" of previous linear translations and freer adaptations. While the story of *Gilgamesh* has been so essential as to have survived for 4700 years, dating back to some of the oldest writings in the *Bible*, no modern English version was able to win over much critical conviction until David's version. The work boosted him to national acclaim. It was through this book that I first encountered David's name in 1994, when I was back in the States from France where I was living and teaching, and myself trying to translate the poems of Pierre de Ronsard, the great French Renaissance poet.

I remember the year was 1994, because it coincided with the 50th anniversary of the D-Day invasion in Normandy and my attention was being preoccupied by the Bayeux Tapestry and Robert Fitzgerald's translations of Homer. Derek Walcott's epic *Omeros* published in 1990 was getting a lot of attention at the time. So David's *Gilgamesh* Continued on page 23

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

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But the content within that excites.

— Tom Miller

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Culture on **Tuesday, January 23**, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. 374 Somerville Ave. This choose-your-own adventure style gathering offers a chance to connect with business leaders and the USMS team to learn more about USMS’ work in the community and how the organization is piloting an alternative business model to best support Union Square businesses in this period of recovery and beyond. Stop by for a slice of pizza and help shape the future of Union Square’s business district.

Be sure to cast your ballot for **The Somerville Times’ Best of Somerville 2023**. Categories are listed on our ballot (see page 9), and If you don’t see your favorite category there, you can simply add it to the list. To cast your vote, email us at thebestofsomerville@yahoo.com. You have until **February 2** to vote for your favorites in each category. The winners will be announced on **Wednesday, February 7**.

The **Somerville Homeless Coalition** announced the return of their annual **Spring Into Action** event to be held on **Thursday, March 28** at the **Crystal Ballroom** in Davis Square. Join them for an evening packed with live music, local Somerville grub, and get the opportunity to meet the SHC team as they share impactful updates about our work and discuss our new transformative vision for the future. To learn more and buy tickets please see the link below. Tickets and Information: bit.ly/SIA24

School-age kids (best for grades 2-6) are invited to join **Jessica Garrett**, coauthor of **Oh, Ick!: 114 Science Experiments Guaranteed to Gross You Out!** in learning about and creating **Kinetic Sculptures** on **Friday, January 19**, 3:30 p.m. at

the **East Branch Library**, 115 Broadway. All materials will be supplied, just bring your enthusiasm! For more info, please contact **Meghan**: morsell@somervillema.gov. No registration required.

Parents and guardians are invited to the **MLPAC meeting** on **January 18** from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the **East Somerville Community School**, Room #118. **Gladys Valle**: gvalle@k12.somerville.ma.us. The **Multilingual Learner Parent Advisory Council** (MLPAC) meets monthly to share ideas on ways we can improve your child’s learning experience. These meetings are open to all families in **Somerville Public Schools**. Coffee and light snacks will be provided.

Join **@somervillecity** next **Tuesday, January 23** at **Connexion** in **East Somerville**, 6:30 p.m. to discuss **how federal funds should be used** to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Give feedback on **Somerville’s Climate Forward Plan Update**. Launched in 2018, Climate Forward established 13 top strategies to reduce Somerville’s contribution to climate change and create a more climate-resilient community. It’s updated every five years to meet changing needs and seize new strategies to meet our goals. Now at the five-year mark, the city has released the latest draft goals, strategies, and actions for the Climate Forward plan update. Review the plan and submit comments on what’s proposed and prioritized: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m_EGwkHa7mGJ9xxj5crnZeLVb-CV3W3yW/edit Comments will be accepted until **Wednesday, January 31**.

The **Fuel Assistance Program**, also known as the **Home Energy Assistance Program**, helps low-income households pay their winter heating bills **between November 1 and April 30**. Renters and homeowners in Somerville are eligible to apply if they meet federal income guidelines. Learn more at somervillema.gov/heatingassistance.

Join the **Somerville Council on Aging’s Friendly Caller Program**. They have many wonderful volunteers who are waiting to give you a call. Whether you are looking to make a new friend or would just like a friendly chat to look forward to every week, this program has you covered. Call **Natasha Naim** at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 to learn more about the program and to sign up.

Is your teen looking to **make some extra money**? The city’s **Snow Shoveling Program** is hiring youth to assist shoveling seniors and homeowners with disabilities out after snowstorms this winter. Teens and homeowners are paired for the season. After each storm, the homeowner will contact their assigned youth to request shoveling services. Somerville teens ages 14 to 19 are welcome to apply. Learn more and apply at somervillema.gov/shoveling. Looking for snow shoveling services? Contact **Debby Higgins** at dhiggings@somervillema.gov.

In preparation for the cold months ahead, the **Somerville Homeless Coalition** is in urgent need of **winter clothing and apparel** to keep their clients warm and safe. Donations of socks, hats, jackets, hand warmers, sweatpants, and more will go a long way towards keeping the most vulnerable clients protected against

the unpredictable New England weather. All donations can be dropped off at their **Engagement Center** located at 1 Davis Square, Somerville between and Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed each day from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. for lunch. Help keep our neighbors safe this winter.

Help keep our waterways clean in your neighborhood by joining Somerville’s **Adopt-a-Drain program**. A storm drain clear of leaves, trash or other debris allows water to flow into the catch basin sump and can prevent flooding. When you adopt a drain (or drains), you commit to caring for a local storm drain of your choice by checking on it before and after heavy rain, wind, or snow. Bonus perk: you can also give it a name. Claim your drain at somerville.mysticdrains.org.

The **Center for the Arts at the Armory** offers a weekly winter market with 71+ local food vendors with the best locally grown and regionally produced foods, including fresh produce, cheese, eggs, meats, fish, breads, tamales, pastries, chocolate, skincare products, and more. The market accepts SNAP/EBT and HIP benefits. They also offer a \$15 SNAP match to customers each week. Visit the **Somerville Winter Farmers Market** on **Saturdays**, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., 191 Highland Ave. **Through April 6**. For a list of weekly events visit www.somwintermarket.org.

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struck me as wonderfully appropriate to all that was in the air culturally and historically bridging past to present. Memory traditionally is such a key concept to poetry. Auden said poetry is “memorable speech.” The Greeks made Memory a goddess, Mnemosyne, and she was the mother of the 9 muses who principally inspire poets and the arts. David’s undergraduate studies at Amherst, in fact, were interrupted by service in World War II, and to have

Gilgamesh published in the 50-year mark of that war must have meant and must mean something to him. Two other students at Amherst who would become well known for their poetry, James Merrill and Richard Wilbur, endured similar interruptions to their careers for the same cause.

It’s a big deal to have a poet of David Ferry’s depth in the art and renown read for our series. In April this past spring we celebrated the 100th anniversary of T.S. Eliot’s

The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock, with a magnificent reading by Lloyd Schwartz of that poem and of selections from Browning, Swinburne and Baudelaire, who had influenced Eliot. This is how it feels for me this evening. David has been a friend and supporter of my work, as he has been for many in the community. So it’s also with a great sense of personal appreciation that I stand here this evening to welcome him.

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